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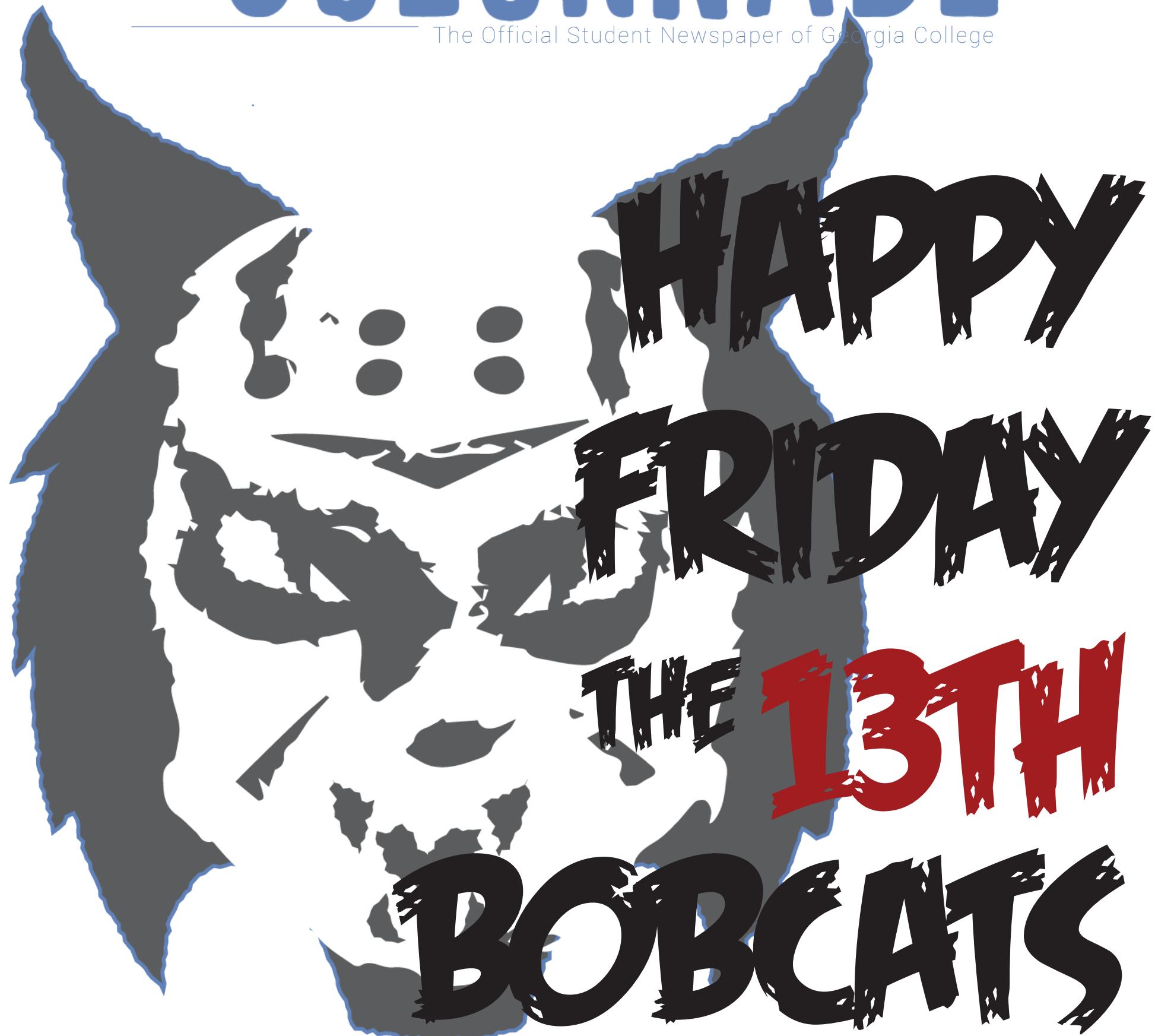
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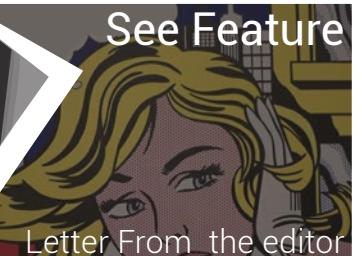
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Letter From the editor

November 13-19, 2015 Taylor Hembree, Editor-in-Chief



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In this issue, you can learn about a new apartment complex, the status of the basketball teams and all about the trivia emcees in downtown Mill. The News section has

weird news stories that may have slipped by you this week. The Sports section includes recaps of basketball games and Bobcat Madness. Entertainment features an article

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Another new apartment complex comes to town



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Milledgeville will be the home of a new apartment complex in the fall of 2016: The Station on Macintosh.

According to stationonmacintosh.com, there will be 29 apartments separated into three buildings all centered around a pool. Each of the 29 apartments will have five bedrooms, five bathrooms and come equipped with hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, and a flat screen TV.

Station on Macintosh is owned by the Preiss Company, which owns several other apartment properties in Georgia.

"The Preiss Group prides

The Preiss Group construction crew has transformed the lot of trees that used to be this site into a dirt hole, and though it doesn't look like much now, the entire complex is set to be done by fall of 2016.

itself on providing student housing that encompasses not only a place to live, but also a community," said Kathryn Drumheller, Station on Macintosh leasing consultant and a senior management Georgia College student.

The development of this new complex will provide an impact on the residency of the already established student apartment complexes.

"The student living facilities that are older or under-maintained will most likely be the first to see their occupancy rates drop," said Walter Reynolds, Milledgeville councilman.

Over the years, Georgia college has grown rapidly

making it difficult for students to find housing. Drumheller hopes that the new apartment complex will help combat that.

"Our goal is that it will help control overflow and overcrowding in other apartment complexes and on campus housing options such as the Village at West Campus," Drumheller said. "While residency may drop at other complexes, the residents that do stay will continue to be happy because there is less competition for their spot at the complex."

Monthly rent per person is currently fixed at \$700, and the Station on Macintosh is currently at full capacity for the

upcoming school year.

"I am excited to live somewhere that no one else has lived before that also provides so many high quality amenities for their residents," said Sophia Wetzel, a freshman nursing major at Georgia College.

The Preiss Group currently has no plans for any other projects in Milledgeville, but say expansion of The Station on Macintosh is a possibility in upcoming years.

For more information regarding Station on Macintosh and leasing opportunities, visit their website at stationonmcintosh.com.

GC students feed the hungry

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For the past 10 years, Café Central, Milledgeville's soup kitchen, has not missed a Tuesday of serving the Milledgeville community.

The soup kitchen feeds as many as 650 homeless and hungry people every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. With the holiday season coming up, larger numbers are expected to come to Café Central.

This expectation requires more donations of canned goods, and more hands to help volunteer.

With a 45 percent poverty rate; Milledgeville is in need of more canned goods for Café Central. A group of mass communication students have decided to put on a canned food drive in order to help the cause. This canned food drive will take place on Wednesday, November 18th. Residents at the Grove, Magnolia Park and at any residence hall can leave a can outside and these cans will be

picked by 5 p.m. that day.

The success of Café Central is not measured in cans donated, but by lives that are helped.

"All of our guests are treated with dignity," Café Central founder Ann Bowen said. "They sit at tables and are served by volunteers, as if they were dining at a restaurant. Some of them have walked as far as five miles to get their weekly lunch with us."

Café Central is located at 500 Underwood Road, and anyone interested can volunteer.

HERE'S WHAT YOU MIGHT'VE MISSED

NICK LANDON

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POLICE INVESTIGATE NFL PLAYER FOR BARKING AT DOG

Oakland Raiders player, Ray-Ray Armstrong is under investigation for lifting his shirt, taunting and barking at a police dog before going onto the field to play the Steelers last Sunday.

POLITIFACT REPORTS BEN CARSON HASN'T SAID AN ENTIRELY TRUE THING DURING HIS CAMPAIGN

Since Ben Carson has announced his candadacy, the truest thing he's said is that he received a full ride to West Point- which everyone who goes to West Point receives a "full ride."

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STONE COLD QUARTERBACK

WWE legend Stone Cold Steve Austin offered last friday to fill Tony Romo's position as the Dallas Cowboys quarterback until Romo's return from a broken collarbone. He will be eligible to return Nov. 22.

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UBER IN EGYPT IS TEACHING DRIVERS HOW NOT TO SEXUALLY HARRASS WOMEN

Uber announced plans to team up with an Egyptian anti-sexual harassment initiative in order to train drivers to take positive action against inappropriate behavior.

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FLORIDA MAN BITES DOG, SENTENCED TO YEAR IN PRISON

Well, it's pretty self explanatory. 37-year-old David Etzel was found guilty of animal cruelty after biting his mom's shih tzu, Cujo.



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Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department On the evening of Oct. 31, officers responded to Captain D's in reference to a lost firearm. The managers told officers that a customer called, saying he had accidentally left his handgun on the toilet paper holder in the restroom. The managers searched the restroom, but did not find the weapon. Officers called the customer, who said that he had seen somebody leave the restroom, and gave officers a description. He also told officers the serial number of the gun.

...Dog..

Public safety officers stopped a man for urinating on a fire hydrant while holding an alcoholic beverage early in the morning of Nov. 1. Officers asked many questions, which the man refused to answer. He was placed under arrest for public drunkenness and open container, and after being arrested he informed officers that he a pistol in his pocket. Officers confiscated the pistol and took it into evidence, but determined that he was in within his legal rights to carry the weapon.

Showing off

Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department Officers were dispatched to Oconee Regional Medical Center on Nov. 10 in reference to an accidental gunshot wound. The victim accidentally shot himself in the ankle while showing off his AK-47 to his friends. He was also highly intoxicated at the time of the incident. Officers attempted to enter the apartment to collect evidence, but were unable to contact the landlord.



Rock the Kappa

Public safety officers responded to the Pi Kappa Phi house on Nov. 4, concerning a vandalism complaint. The victim stated that the rocking chairs on their porches had been disturbed. One was overturned, one was in the bushes nearby and another was missing. The victim did not want to make a formal statement, instead requesting police periodically drive by the house to prevent another incident.

Too tired to care

Public Safety officers responded to a student who believed her tires might have been slashed on the morning of Oct. 27. The victim stated that she noticed her car was shuddering and making unusual noises while driving home from the wellness center. She pulled over and discovered that she had a cut in her rear driver's side tire, which was now flat. Officers helped her change the tire and collected evidence. The case remains under investigation.

Ah, snap, didn't see you there

Early in the morning of Nov. 6, public safety officers responded to a car accident at the intersection of Irwin Street and Hancock Street. Officers noticed that a SNAP cart was involved in the accident. According to the SNAP driver, said he was behind a white Toyota corolla at a stop sign, when the driver of the corolla suddenly reversed into the golf cart. Milledgeville police took the driver into custody for driving under the influence.

SAEasy there, tiger, let's talk about the effects of underage drinking

Public safety officers investigated the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house early in the morning of Oct. 24. Officers received a tip that there were a number of minors drinking on the premises. When they arrived, the front door was locked and nobody answered officer's calls, but the back door was wide open. Officers investigated the house for possible intruders, but found alcohol throughout the house and receipt from Gil's Package Store, as well as identifying documents. The case has been turned over to Greek Life and Student Judicial for further review.



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Isaac Thomas powers home a two-handed reverse slam during the dunk contest. Thomas won the contest.

Bobcat Madness returns



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The Georgia College Athletic Department and Thunder Crew, GC's official student spirit, hosted Bobcat Madness on Nov. 5.

Bobcat Madness, a pep rally that kicks off the GC men and women's basketball seasons, returned to the Centennial Center last week after a year-long hiatus.

"We wanted to bring it back this year because a lot of students haven't seen it, and it's just a good way to get school spirit back and going," said Abigail Dillon, Thunder Crew co-president. "We want Bobcat Madness to stay for years to come. We want this atmosphere to stay at Georgia College."

The pep rally only happens once a year, but Dillon explained that Thunder Crew will be tailgating for upcoming home basketball games.

Assistant Athletic Director Al Weston said he wanted the event to be student focused, so he turned to GC

students to help make it possible. Thunder Crew, student athletes and the cheerleading team worked together to plan the event.

The pep rally started at 7 p.m. with an RSO Cook-Off sponsored by the GC's Alumni Association. The rugby club won first place, receiving \$200, and The Colonnade took second place, winning \$100.

Introductions of the men and women's basketball players followed. Then the men's team stole the show with the dunk contest. Four Bobcats participated: junior forward Kelvin Nwanze, junior guard Evyn Smith and freshmen forwards Isaac Thomas and Trey Williams. Based off crowd applause, Thomas was declared the winner.

Faculty members played against intramural legends in the first half of the basketball scrimmage. GC's cheerleading team performed at halftime. In the second half, the GC men and women's basketball teams combined and split into two teams for an intrasquad matchup. Activities and games were also put on for the fans, giving students a chance to get involved.

Junior biochemistry major Greg Mack attended the event with some of his friends. He said he enjoyed the dunk contest, but the relay race was his favorite. Mack won the race

and received a free rafting trip for four from Oconee Outfitters.

"We had to spin around a baseball bat 10 times, after which we had to run a gauntlet of mini cones and shoot a basket," Mack said. "Each team had four people, and the team that finished first won."

Trophies were planned to be awarded to the most spirited sorority and fraternity, however, Dillon said Delta Sigma Phi's fraternity was the only Greek organization to show up.

"Delta Sig was cheering and jumping out of their seats," Dillon said. "It just made me happy, and it made me feel like what we were doing was worth it, and they were excited to get the trophy."

Weston said the expected attendance of Bobcat Madness was around 1,000 people. He explained that in the past, the pep rally was one of the most attended athletic events, and he hopes it gets people excited about GC athletics.

"It's fun; it gets people excited about the basketball programs," Weston said. "Hopefully that attendance turns into people actually coming to the actual games as well. When you come over to an athletic contest, there's reasons other than basketball to come, too. It's a fun place to be."

Women's basketball kicks off in SC



Sam Jones
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The Georgia College women's basketball team will begin the season Nov. 13 at the FCA Tip-Off Classic in Central, South Carolina.

The Bobcats lost four starters from last year's team and are looking to build off the momentum of a second-straight Peach Belt Conference Tournament title game appearance last year.

Six new players will suit up for sixth-year head coach Maurice Smith against Emmanuel College today at 5:30 p.m. in the team's first FCA Tip-Off Classic game, followed by a Saturday clash with host team Southern Wesleyan University at 5:30 p.m.

Emmanuel will be a difficult first opponent for the Bobcats. The Lions finished third in the National Christian College

Athletic Association National Tournament last year, ending the season with a 19-11 overall record. Southern Wesleyan also reached the NCCAA Tournament, but failed to win a game.

The Bobcats and Coach Smith are looking for a positive start to the year, but Smith said the team is focused more on improvements than wins.

"Let's just play to the best to of our potential," Smith said. "Let's make sure that we're executing the little things and the little details."

Junior guard LaRice Walker will determine whether the Bobcat machine executes efficiently early in the season. Walker is the only returning starter for the Bobcats after averaging 10.6 points per game and 5.7 rebounds in her sophomore campaign.

Sophomore returners forward Alyah McGriff and guard Lindsey Reed will most likely find themselves in important roles as well.

McGriff averaged 4 points per game and showed flashes of impressive play, including a career-high 15-point outburst versus Columbus State University, eventual PBC champions. Reed was deadly from downtown last season, shooting 41 percent from three-point range. She will look to be a perimeter threat for the Bobcats once again.

The Tip-Off Classic will be the first look at junior transfers Ellie Fruitt and Veronica Ryan, who also look like they could be threats from behind the arc.

With only one starter returning, Smith said he knows things won't come easy for his squad.

"Early on it won't be perfect," he said. "It won't be even close to perfect, but we have to strive and just get better every day and hope we're at our best when that ball is thrown up."

The Bobcats will return to Milledgeville for their first home game on Nov. 17 versus Fort Valley State at 5:30 p.m.

What you missed: NFL recap



John Marston
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of the season, but after losing three games in a row to teams with records under .500, that promise is starting to fade.

The Falcons, now two and a half games behind the undefeated Carolina Panthers, will have a tough time winning the NFC South division this season.

This season has seen many teams fall short of their preseason hype.

The Indianapolis Colts, a team who has regularly made the playoffs in recent

years, have been driven below a .500 record due to their quarterback Andrew Luck. Luck was averaging two interceptions per game at the Week 8 mark and is battling rib injuries.

After a playoff appearance last year, the Detroit Lions are now the worst team in football with a 1-7 record. The Lions have an offensive line that can't protect their quarterback and almost no running

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Men face Emmanuel to start the season



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The Georgia College men's basketball team will kick off the regular season this weekend at the Conference Carolinas/Peach Belt Challenge held in Dahlonega, Georgia.

GC will play Emmanuel College on Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. and Pfeiffer University on Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. — both schools finished 2014-15 with winning records.

Based off of last season's results, it appears the Bobcats will be up against stiff competition to begin the year. Emmanuel finished last season 21-11, averaging 75.6 points per game, while Pfeiffer finished 16-12, averaging 70.9 points per game.

Entering his second year as GC's head coach, Mark Gainous said the team doesn't have much scouting information on the two upcoming opponents just yet, but they do have film access to their opponents' games from last season.

The Bobcats beat Emmanuel 64-62 last year, however, it's been at least 13 years since they've played Pfeiffer.

For the season-opening games, Gainous said he wants the offense to focus on spreading the court and finding open shooters.

"We really want to screen for each other, move the ball and share the ball," he said. "We want more passing, less dribbling. We're trying to get the ball to our better scorers and shoot over 50 percent."

Defensively, he said he wants the team to apply pressure and force

opponents into bad shots.

"We want to play a lot of man-to-man defense, packing it in and making them take contested jump shots," Gainous said. "We have to establish our man defense before we go to any of our zone defenses."

The Bobcats suffered a few injuries during the preseason, but Gainous said he's happy with where the team is. He noted that senior forward Rio McMillian is recovering nicely after having PCL surgery on his knee.

"We're actually as healthy as we've been all year," Gainous said. "A couple of guys have been nicked up over the course of 25 practices and scrimmages, but I feel like we're in pretty good health right now."

Coach Gainous revealed

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Forward Kelvin Nwanze finishes off a two-handed dunk as the team prepares for the season-opener.

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the starting lineup he plans on using for the Conference Carolinas/Peach Belt Challenge. Bearing injuries, he said he plans on starting freshman forward Isaac Thomas, junior forward Kelvin Nwanze, and senior guards Dwight Anderson, Ryan Blumenthal and Terrell Harris. Additionally, he expressed that McMillian and junior guard Evyn Smith could become starters as the season progresses. The Bobcats have 11 active players, but Gainous mentioned that he doesn't plan on giving them all playing time.

"I think we'll probably play a eight to nine-man rotation," Gainous said. "We always like to play more guys early just to see what we have and kind of see which players work

the best with each other. I don't really see a 10-man rotation this year, which we normally have."

GC's head coach emphasized that he wants to win but added that early games aren't all about victories.

"I'm more concerned with the growth of our team," he said. "I just want to get better every single game. Obviously you want to win, but you just want to go up there and play the best you can play."

Despite his humble approach, Gainous said the Bobcats could come back to Milledgeville 2-0 if they execute the gameplan and play fundamental basketball.

"We like to play fast, so we have to score in transition," Gainous explained. "If we rebound and defend, we'll have a chance to win both games."



Sydney Chacon/ Senior Photographer
Guard Terrell Harris works on ball handling during last week's drills.

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game. And to make matters worse, several coaches and the general manager were recently fired.

Several teams, like the Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers have fallen from grace after losing their veteran quarterbacks. Other teams, like the Chicago Bears, Houston Texans and Kansas City Chiefs have lost their star running backs to season-ending injuries, which has all but sealed their fates.

At this point in the season, the playoff picture looks fairly clear.

In the NFC, it will probably be the Panthers, the Green Bay Packers, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Arizona Cardinals, with the Falcons and the Minnesota Vikings taking the Wild Card spots.

In the AFC, it will probably be the New

England Patriots, the Cincinnati Bengals, the Denver Broncos and Colts, with the New York Jets and Steelers taking the Wild Card spots.

Entering Week 10, the three undefeated teams appear to have a strong hold on their divisions, displaying the kind of statistics that win Super Bowls.

The Panthers are currently the top rushing team in the league, which has given them the fourth-ranked offense, leading them to score an average of eight more points than their opponents.

The Bengals currently have the incredible combination of a third-ranked offense and a fourth-ranked defense, which has led the team to score more than 10 points higher than their opponents on average.

The Patriots are ranked first in offense and fifth in defense, giving them a massive average-score differential of almost 17 points over their opponents.

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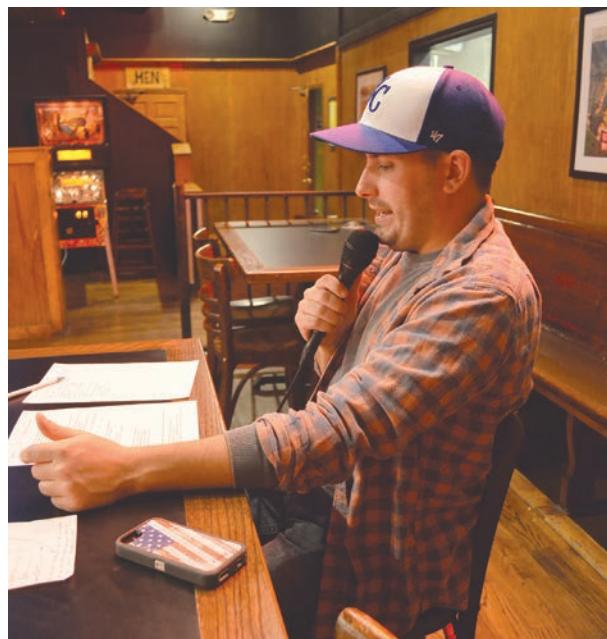
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MEET YOUR TRIVIA EMCEES



Sydney Chacon/ Senior Photographer
Adam Greene reads off one of his many trivia questions.



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ADAM GREENE THE BRICK

Adam Greene, education graduate student, spends most of his Monday nights and Tuesday evenings formulating trivia questions, fact checking his answers and drafting categories to please the Brick's trivia-goers.

"You'd be surprised at how much I don't know,

Free beer, relaxed competition and crass funny team names, downtown Milledgeville's trivia offers light-hearted entertainment

to the otherwise dull weeknights.

Without the efforts of the restaurants' trivia emcees, the trivia scene

would cease to exist. The hosts put unnoticed time into devising questions, categories and prizes for the trivia-goers.

must be used the night it's acquired.

A variety of oddly named teams, such as Starbucks hates Jesus, tequila mockingbird and radical quizlam participate in the competition.

One of Greene's personal favorites is cat facts. Each week cat facts presents a random cat fact whenever the team's name is called. They've reigned as Brick trivia champions for the past two weeks.

Despite having set answers to his trivia questions, Greene considers any arguments brought to him during the rounds.

"Most of the time, if they present a valid point, I'll give it to them," Greene said. "It's when people come up and have an attitude, then I do mind. If you're going to be on a team with somebody, don't assume you know every single answer."

TIM SAILOR BUFFINGTON'S

For those seeking to break away from trivia norms, test your pending college degree minds to Buffington's trivia night on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.

"I've had teams with 100 points out of 1,000 and they keep coming back," Buffington's trivia host, Tim Sailor said. "Some of the questions are really hard; I guess some people

just like to be challenged."

Sailor, a creative writing graduate from Georgia College, moved back to Milledgeville after living in Washington D.C. and took on the role of Buffington's trivia emcee.

Sailor said that he has lived in Milledgeville on and off for 10 years.

Unlike most of the

other trivia nights in Milledgeville, Sailor holds a movie mashup category where the answers are a coherent title of two movies combined. Some of last Wednesday's answers were, "Grapes of Wrath of the Titans" and "Free Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

The restaurant's trivia conducts a semester challenge, giving trivia teams the opportunity to win around \$500 based on the highest total of points for the semester. Over two

semesters Buffington's gives out around \$3,000 in bar cash and prizes.

Sailor said that the most challenging part of being a trivia host is coming up with questions that can't be refuted. Most of his questions contain only one definite answer, but this doesn't hold trivia-goers back from arguing their answers.

"If I'm wrong, I'm going to admit that I'm wrong," Sailor said. "If they're wrong, I'll just make fun of them and call them out."



Kelsey Richardson/ Senior Photographer
Tim Sailor poses for a photo in between trivia categories.

CONNOR KIMBALL GRINGO'S

Every Monday night at Gringo's trivia, a team picks a body part on Connor Kimball and makes it their team name. Kimball's biceps, Kimball's glutes, Kimball's left toe, the possibilities are endless.

"For me it's just another chance to interact with customers; it's another night that used to be dead, and now it's not and it's

fun," Gringo's bar manager and part-time trivia host Kimball said.

Kimball helped jump start the restaurant's trivia night over the summer with SGA and a couple of his coworkers. A percentage of the sales made on Monday nights is donated back to Georgia College, particularly to student relief funding.

Gringo's trivia crowd consists of mostly college students, so naturally the categories and questions cater to the target crowd. Kimball said that some of the categories include: 90s

kids, Disney movies, Greek mythology and high school required reading.

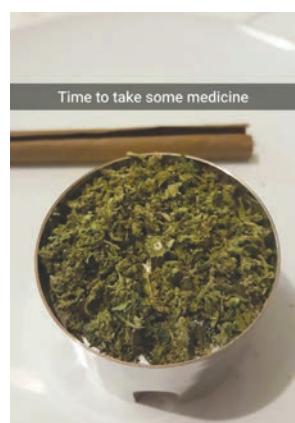
"I always try to come up with questions that you've heard at some point in your life that you've had

on the tip of your tongue," Kimball said.

Unlike the other trivia spots in Milledgeville, Gringos offers more than beer pitchers. The winning team of each of the five rounds also receives their choice of a round of tacos or a margarita pitcher. The overall winners choose the first category for the following week and win a

\$30 Gringo's gift card.

"Start showing up now because the more often you show up, the more likely you are to a grand prize at the end of the semester, which we have not announced yet, but it will be awesome," Kimball said.



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*Editor's note: The creator of gesunation wanted to remain anonymous.

It's ranged from Georgia College Bobcat pride to proudly-rolled blunts of marijuana and drunken documentation of Milledgeville nightlife.

Georgia College students have found community on yet another platform - Snapchat.

The photo and video-based social media has seen exponential growth since its creation in September 2011. According to AdWeek, as of July 2015, 100 million users actively engage on Snapchat every day.

Gesunation has added a new ground for Snapchat users at GC to engage with this growing social media platform.

Four years after Snapchat's launch, a freshman at GC decided to use the phone app to unite the campus and created an account called gesunation where students could send their snaps to be posted on a constantly updated story for the student body to see.

"I went down to Athens with my friend from high school, and he was like 'Hey, check out this thing on Snapchat. It's called uganation,' said the founder of gesunation. "I thought the idea was great, and I was like, 'Okay I'm going to see if there's anyway I can do this back at GCSU."

After some research, he found a way to bypass

Snapchat's signature time-limited Snaps in order to save and republish them on gesunation's story. The secret is an app called Casper, which allows users to view, download and upload any Snaps sent to an account without alerting the sender.

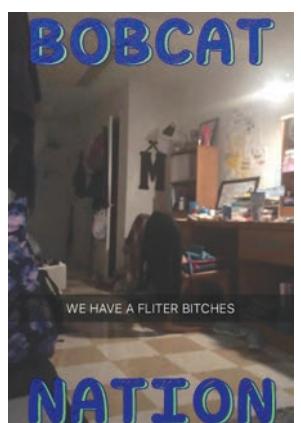
In a week, the account gained 1000 followers. Now, close to 3000 students follow the account. On an average day, the account receives 50 follow requests. The quick growth of the account has opened up new business opportunities for the founder and his product. A current sophomore senator for the Student Government Association approached the founder willing to pay for his campaign ads to be featured on gesunation's story.

"I thought about going to people downtown and

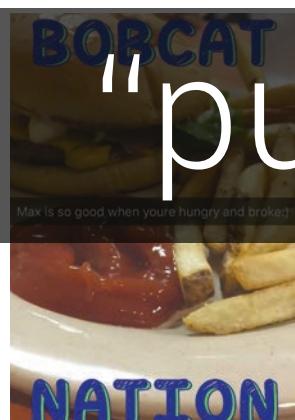
talking about advertising," the founder said. "But that's still kind of the future."

Similar to Yik Yak, gesunation maintains the anonymity of the contributing accounts, unless, of course, those users decide to place themselves or their friends in the actual image or video. But unlike Yik Yak, Georgia College administration has yet to make an official statement concerning the recent fad, even though controversies surround the community-generated account.

"When you're trying to promote the concepts of reason, respect, and responsibility, you see a lot of things there that are unreasonable, disrespectful, and irresponsible, being posted there," said Dr. Harshbarger, Vice President of Student Affairs.



"put me on gcsunation"



However, Harshbarger doesn't want to "shoot the messenger" by casting blame on accounts like gesunation for the growing problems of underage drinking and illegal drug use, displayed and, oftentimes, praised on social media. Assistant mass communications professor Kristin English, who has a doctorate in mass communications research and teaches a class on social media, tends to agree with Harshbarger.

"Social media is a tool, and it's not the tool that necessarily directs how positively or negatively it will impact. It's how people use that tool," English said. "I think for Georgia College

it really does depend on how individual students, faculty and school will decide to use social media, whether or not it's positive or negative."

While Yik Yak remains controversial, the feed full of yaks is controlled by a community of students who have the power to promote or delete yaks. With this new Snapchat account, the founder determines which Snaps make the grander story rather than every sent Snap being published.

"There's really no decision process," the founder said. "It's either if I like it or I don't or what kind of mood I'm in. Like, sometimes I don't really feel like posting

anything unless it's really outstanding or sometimes I'll just post everything."

He does reject Snaps that are "inappropriate or uncalled for," which he describes as photos or videos regarding Greek rivalries or others that could insight trouble or liability for him as the founder.

"Social media can be manipulated in many ways - both positive and negative," SGA President Juawn Jackson said. "I think we should focus our time and energy on promoting all the good things about our institution, not wasting it by posting foolishness about ourselves."

Other students who are large contributers to the

account have voiced their concerns as well.

"I feel like it's evolved," said freshman theatre major Conner Kocks. "It went from just creative pictures and things that people would post, to basically, like, weed." Kocks has been identified by other followers as "the guy from gesunation" because of his frequent and humorous Snaps featured on the account.

Regardless of critics, gesunation continues to grow. The founder hopes to have the entire student body following the account in the future as he passes the control to younger students with more time.



'Bountiful' reignites dancer's passion



Mary Kate
Conner
[@gcsunade](https://twitter.com/gcsunade)

For sophomore dance minor, Sam Miller, dancing is everything. Miller began dancing in eighth grade, after being inspired by the choreography of Selena Gomez in "Another Cinderella Story." After spending hours in her room teaching herself, she decided it was time take her talent to a studio. After several auditions, she settled on Footprints Dance Alliance in Cumming, Georgia where she studied throughout high school.

When she got to Georgia College, Miller initially did not plan on pursuing dance, worried that she would not be good enough with such limited experience. However, in the first weeks of her freshman year she was encouraged by another student to audition for "Bountiful," a show choreographed and directed by dance minors and open to anyone who wanted to audition. After being in the performance, Miller felt that she could not stop there.

"I realized I didn't want to do anything but dance," Miller said.

Now, fully immersed in the dance program, Miller is choreographing a piece for this year's performance of "Bountiful." Her piece, featuring eight dancers, is based on strength and

overcoming hardships. For her inspiration, Miller always turns to music.

"If it gives me goosebumps, I want to dance to it," Miller said. "I see movement when I hear music, and that's what inspires me to create."

This year, "Bountiful" features five student-choreographed pieces, including Miller's.

"I realized I didn't want to do anything but dance."

*Sam Miller,
sophomore
dance minor*

This year's performance is particularly special because it is being presented on the stage of Russell Auditorium, after previously being in the more intimate Black Box Theatre.

"A lot of times in a college setting you don't get student work put on a



main stage," said Miller. "It's more special because we get the full production value for student pieces. You don't find that just anywhere."

Miller hopes that audience members will see that there are opportunities for dancing outside just the major and minor programs, just as she did a year ago.

"It's always nice when people [from the GC community] come out and appreciate the arts," Miller said.

"Bountiful" will be performed in Russell Auditorium Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.



Mary Kate Conner/
Contributing Photographer
Sophomore dance minor
Sam Miller rehearses for
her upcoming performance
in 'Bountiful.'

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Three dogs use cuteness to raise money for local animal shelter



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The event “Play with a Stray” brought awareness to the college community about how students can donate their money or time in order to make a difference in an animal’s life. The three dogs there, Dobby, Kayla and Noodles, warmed the hearts of some students, showing them how stray pets deserve a loving home.

“I really enjoyed playing with all the dogs,” said Rachel Freeman, a sophomore Exercise Science major. “It showed that strays can be really good pets. I even donated money.”

The four girls who put on

this event chose to partner with Baldwin County Animal Control as their non-profit organization

for a class assignment. Meghan Sullivan, Kaitlyn Evans, Helena Stewart and Sydney Millek spent weeks

planning and advertising for this event, wanting to really make an impact for the shelter, but also for the

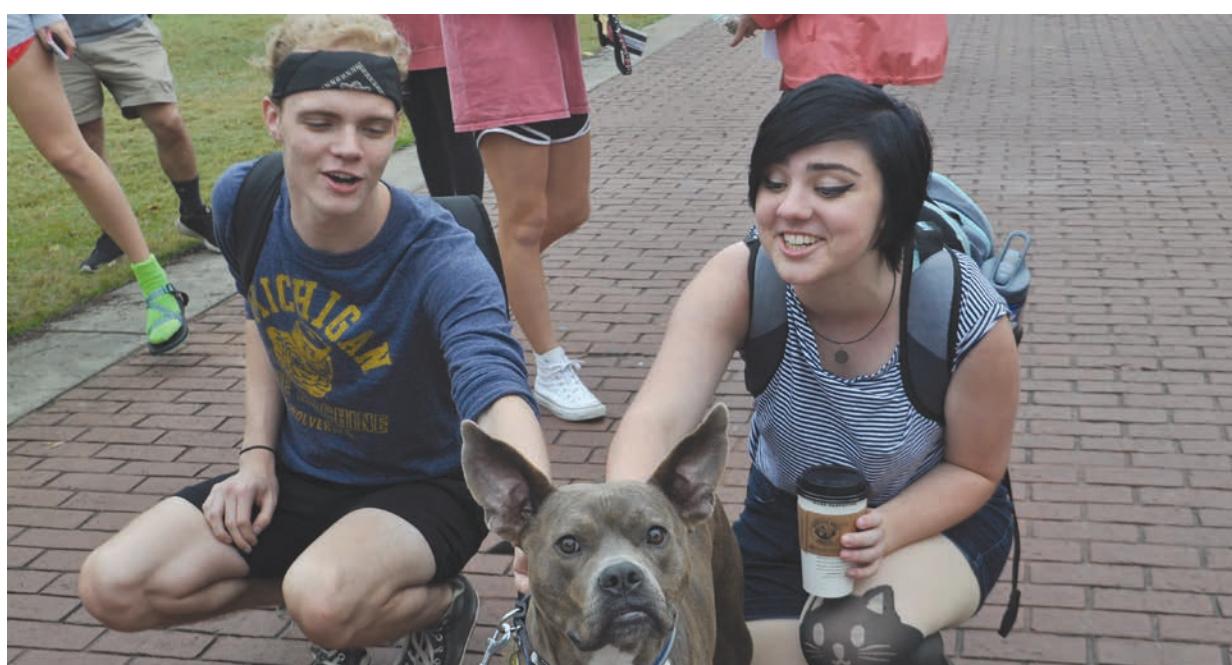
animals.

“We really learned how important this cause is from being able to visit

the shelter and see the animals,” said Kaitlyn Evans, a sophomore marketing major. “We know that the animals that have been adopted have changed their adopters lives and adoption provides both the animal and owner with companionship.”

If students are interested in volunteering or donating items to the shelter, they are encouraged to message the Friends of Baldwin County Animal Control on Facebook or show up at the shelter at 119 Linda Dr.

“We had a lot of students asking about how they could volunteer for the shelter so it definitely raised awareness,” said Meghan Sullivan, a junior management major. “We even raised \$100 and got a bunch of blankets and toys from people.”



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Freshman theatre and rhetoric double major Dana Brigance and freshman theatre major Luke Travis pet Dobby.



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FEATURE

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IS COLLEGE REALLY WORTH IT?

The real price of studying at a four-year university is evolving into more than just tuition for millennials



Emily Davis
&
Katie Skogen

Five-minute study breaks at 2 a.m. Coffee six times a day just to stay awake. Never feeling relaxed. Forgetting to eat. And mounds of student loan debt to greet you on the other side. Most overworked students have asked at some point, is a college degree even worth it?

For some, absolutely. For people in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math) and other majors, it is unlikely they will be hired if they don't have a college degree.

Brittain Hunt, senior political science major, plans to become a lawyer and believes his education is important, "I definitely think it is worth it. Not only was it an investment in my future, these years have been the best of my life."

Others believe that having a college degree will open up many doors in their future.

"An engineering degree is so worth the effort because once you have it, you can pretty

much do anything," Valeria Hernandez, senior civil engineering major at Georgia Tech said. "That being said, if engineering is not for you and you're stressing yourself out to the point of affecting your health negatively, it no longer becomes worth it."

category. Sam Wilson, a GC theatre alumnus, argues that the college experience is more valuable than the actual degree.

"The degree itself doesn't help you get acting

growing as a human being."

However, not everyone agrees that a degree in the arts is

are benefits [to a degree] anymore, considering how many college graduates are underemployed or outright unemployed."

And some believe it comes down to the individual

cost effective and efficient use of time for those who don't want to pursue a career."

While it's easy to see the full four (or more) years of higher education filled with stress, panic, empty wallets and tired eyes, it's important to recognize the significant and influential lessons that can be learned during the time spent at school. Plenty of those lessons can happen outside of the classroom.

Stephanie House, GC alumna, explained a revelation she had after graduating. Swamped with debt like many graduates, House was panicking about being able to pay it all off.

But she found a job, and is steadily paying off the loans.

"I think that there's a lot of pressure on 20-somethings to be these incredibly successful supergeniuses," House said.

"I think it has instilled in us what I like to call, "Greyhound Syndrome"- we run around and around in circles until our hearts burst from exhaustion.

But I think we need to realize that life's not a race, and debt doesn't have to hold us back from what we want to achieve in life."

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jobs, but for me, the experience of going through college was essential," Wilson said. "College made me realize that film is what I truly love. It was also invaluable for me making contacts within that field, getting reel footage and just

necessarily worth it. Stars Voyles, a junior theatre major, doesn't believe college is worth the stress or money.

"I don't know if anything is worth the panic attacks," Voyles said. "Both from stressing about school and knowing the loans that hover over my head for repayment later. I'm not sure if there

and what they plan to do with their lives. Sometimes alternative schooling is a notable option as well.

"College for our generation has become more of whether the return on investment is worth it," GC alumna Kelly Mainor said. "If you're pursuing a career I would say yes.

But if you are young and aimless and want 'growing up experience,' it's a waste of money. Technical degrees after a year or two of discovering yourself seem to prove more of a

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MORE IMPORTANT
than a degree.

-Sam Wilson,
GC theatre alumnus

Georgia College Speaks Out

The everchanging Wifi on campus has become a hot issue among students. Students speak about how they feel about the newest change in Wifi, GC Secure.



"I hate GC secure. I don't know why you would change something like that right before registration happens."

*Gregory Mack,
junior bio-chem major*



"The problems the WiFi is giving everyone isn't really excusable even though I'm not having issues."

*Cain Gantt,
freshman physics
major*



"GC secure is pretty crappy. It randomly drops on you when you need it the most. Once I had an assignment that was due for a pretty big percentage of my grade and I couldn't turn it in because of GC secure."

*Damien Monday,
senior art major*



"Even when it is working the bars are low and it's very slow."

*Joshua Jones,
junior psychology
major*



"I think GC secure is a really good idea because that way all of our students can have a secure network to go to and you have to put in your information before you log on to the network."

*Ashley White,
sophomore pre-middle
grades education major*



"I was really excited about GC secure because they said it was going to be better, but it's not."

*Marcinia Thacker,
junior mass
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Brittany Wilson & Greer Mccosh.

When it comes to our campus's definition, I am as far from diverse as you can imagine. I am a "basic" sorority girl from the greater Atlanta area, surrounded by a multitude of friends who can say the same. We all share the same beliefs, the same views on politics, the same southern heritage, and do not tend to disagree concerning worldly perceptions.

Are you bored yet? I am.

I came to college with the purpose of expanding my knowledge, experience and adventure. I am craving new and different opportunities,

with new and different acquaintances. I do not doubt that majority of students at Georgia College would identify their desires similarly. But, how can these desires be fulfilled when I am grouped among the vast majority of people at this institution? I pay thousands of dollars each year attend a liberal arts university, of all places, and yet I have not received the possibility and privilege of engaging with a more diverse body.

Step up, Georgia College. While this year, America has been waving rainbow flags, we are still clutching onto the color white. The fact that Georgia College is labeled as one of the least diverse colleges in the University System of Georgia is hindering us all.



Last week we published an article in the entertainment section, which included the headline, "The Trannies Return." Since the article was published, we have come to the understanding that the word "trannies" can be perceived as demeaning and derogatory. We want our readers to know that we had no intention of offending

or belittling anyone.

We published the headline in the context of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," not with the motive of projecting a negative undertone about a target audience. The term was pulled straight from the movie with the intention of headlining our article about this year's production of "Rocky Horror."

Student remembers past scars

'Forever burned in my mind,' Dillon writes about her past



Abigail Dillon
@abigaid6

Bawling my eyes out, I sat slumped in my dorm room chair. Filled with hatred, frustration, regret and despair. In my mind there was only one option. I had to engrave myself with the word that embodied everything about me. FAILURE. I took a tack from my bulletin board and pierced it into my skin. It made a popping noise as it sunk into my thigh. I sat shaking in that chair branding myself with this word. I scraped and drug the tack over my skin solidifying my actions. Slowly but surely, I sliced the whole word into my

leg. However, as the days passed by, I would dig into it often to remind myself of what I had done and what I was.

I was overwhelmed with contempt for myself, my actions, my personality... everything. I let down authority figures that once thought so highly of me. I knowingly abandoned my peers and teammates. I disappointed my parents. One night of irresponsibility summed up in one word and carved into my body on November 13, 2014.

Over the next few months, I traced my hands around the raised edges as it tried to heal, but I wouldn't let it heal. Though time had passed, my feelings towards myself still thrived. As warmer weather arrived, I shied away from shorts. I knew what I was, but the

world did not need to see and judge my mistakes. If someone did see it and ask, I would shrug it off and quickly leave the setting. My disdain on the inside and clearly printed on my skin was not for the outside world to see just yet.

My self worth dropped tremendously and with that my promiscuous nature rose aggressively. It wasn't until the end of the school year that I talked to my small group leader Alex Gilmore about the situation. She gave me hope and helped me accept myself even with the scars and torn apart heart. I finally started wearing shorts again. Thank you Alex.

Fast forward to today. It is the one year anniversary of this painful act and I still think about it all the time. My scar has faded, but the

pain searing through my leg is a memory I will not forget easily. I still do not love myself like I should, but in this day and age that is seldom accomplished. I am still learning to love myself. I have bad days when all I want to do is feel the prick of the tack again. We all have these days where our mistakes haunt us and lurk around the corners threatening our good mood. I am here to tell you that your mistakes do not define you. Though they may leave lasting marks, you can rise from the ashes of your past. It won't be easy, but it is accomplishable. I will have the image of FAILURE forever burned in my mind, but it is my motivation now to be better.

TATTOOS ARE ART



Katie Skogen
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I've wanted a tattoo since I was 15 years old. My best friend was three years older than I was and she got her sister's name in Chinese on her foot. She wasn't Chinese, nor did she speak it. And why she only got her sister's name, I'll never know. It wasn't HER tattoo that I loved. It was tattoos in general. It was the rebellion.

Fast forward to my 18th birthday. All I wanted was a tattoo. I had saved up,

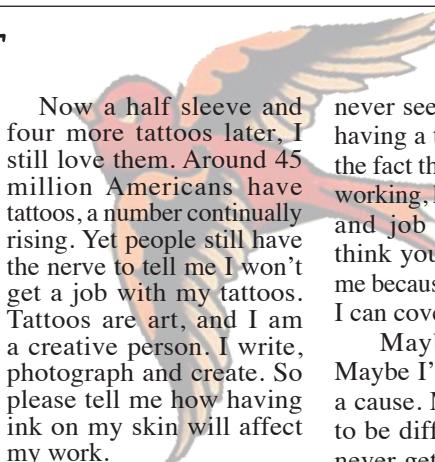
my parents refused to buy it for my present. On the way to the tattoo parlor, my mom told me no one would judge me if I backed out last minute, and to think about my future. But my mind was made up.

The artist honestly botched my first tattoo completely. She didn't do what I asked, and did an awful job of it. But I wasn't about to insult a woman who listened to death metal while she worked, and who was a two-time cancer survivor covered head to toe in tattoos. She was not the type of person to pick a fight with. But I didn't care. I loved it anyway.

Now a half sleeve and four more tattoos later, I still love them. Around 45 million Americans have tattoos, a number continually rising. Yet people still have the nerve to tell me I won't get a job with my tattoos. Tattoos are art, and I am a creative person. I write, photograph and create. So please tell me how having ink on my skin will affect my work.

That's right. It won't.

So when I get the ever-popular question, "how will you get a job with tattoos?" I always reply with the same smart-a** remark, "how will you get a job without tattoos?" The responses I get



never seem to include "not having a tattoo." So despite the fact that we're both hard working, have great resumes and job experience, you think you'll get a job over me because I have ink? (That I can cover up.)

Maybe you're right. Maybe I'm a rebel without a cause. Maybe I just want to be different. Maybe I'll never get a "real" job. But I doubt it. And even if I don't ever break into the corporate world of careers, my bartending job pays more than most of your starting salaries anyway. So I think I'll be fine.



Andrew Podo
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Starbucks has made headlines nationwide for hating Christmas. The lack of so-called Christmas symbols, like snowflakes, has people incensed at the latest slight against the beloved Christian holiday.

People have fussed, ranted and raved about the unadorned Starbucks cups in recent weeks. Some come down firmly in support of the coffee company, while others are championing the holiday.

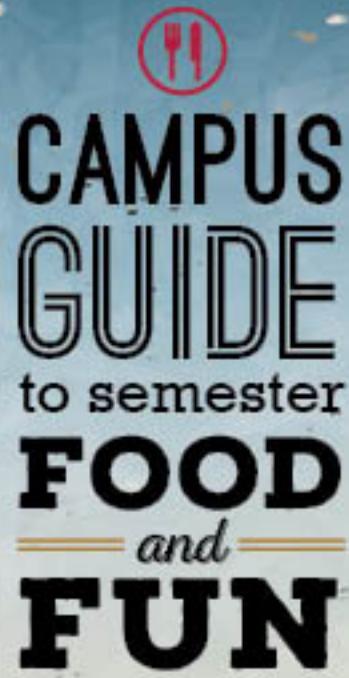
Either way, it's a non-issue.

We love controversy in this country. We love to be pissed off at something or somebody, especially at relatively innocuous issues. It's nice, after all, to be pissed off at something that can't hurt anybody. We can sit in our own little bubbles, shouting and screaming about things that are largely unchallenging.

It's nice, after all, to have a distraction from things that are provocative and potentially world-changing. I'd much rather read Facebook comments and tweets about the so-called war on Christmas than read about Catalonia's

potential secession from Spain. Why should I concern myself with Putin's plan to deploy 4,000 troops to Syria when I could browse reddit links, parroting my anger to a virtual echo chamber? My personal YouTube frontpage is vastly more interesting than anything I saw on the New York Times this week.

I could be getting angry about the rampant racism at Missouri this week. I could tweet about Obama rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline or post about the refugee crisis in Europe. But I'd rather just get mad about my coffee cup.



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